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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 8015**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 513**

**DATE PREPARED:** Jan 18, 2001

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Software for candidate reports.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires the Election Division to provide to candidates at no cost: (1) software that the candidates may download and install on their personal computers; and (2) training; to enable candidates to file campaign finance reports electronically.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2001.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The Indiana Election Division of the Office of the Secretary of State reports that testing is currently being done on an electronic mail transmittal system for the transferring of campaign finance documents. The system is designed for smaller transmittals. Candidates for a state office may have contribution documents that may overload an electronic mail format. The Election Division estimates that establishing a software downloadable system would require start-up expenditures of approximately \$65,000. To include a supply of discs containing the software and instructions, offering of training seminars at the Election Division, and additional troubleshooting could increase total expenditures to \$100,000.

The Election Division should experience savings as a result of the transfer to a software-based system of filing campaign finance reports. The Division could reduce expenditures for outside vendor support of data entry of paper reports. The Division estimates data entry expenditures in the 2000 general election were \$40,000 during pre-primary filing, \$60,000 for election filing, and an estimated \$60,000 for the year-end filing.

The Election Division estimates a software-based system, in place by 2004, could lead to more than a 60% reduction in costs to the Division related to campaign finance report filings.

Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend upon legislative and administrative actions.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana Election Division.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Spencer Valentine, Co-Director, Indiana Election Commission, (317) 232-3939.